



**Sunday, September 7, 2025**



Summer has ended, and our new Church Year begins afresh. Come celebrate with us as we gather outside this Sunday. Come celebrate every day and rejoice, for the Lord is good.

#### **Our Vision**

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details on our website.

## **FIND YOUR PLACE**

**WASHROOMS:** A wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathroom is located in the hallway North of the lower auditorium. It can be accessed by the elevator near the office or any of the stairways and is available to all 24 / 7. The Childcare and Nursery have full and exclusive use of the washrooms in the lower hallway Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The use of the lower Narthex washrooms is for church use 24 / 7 plus the lower hallway washrooms may be used by all on evenings and weekends when the childcare and nursery are closed.

**Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up and running Celebration Sunday. We also want to thank everyone who will help with packing up afterward.**

**Register your children and youth for Sunday School.** Sunday school begins Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The transplant surgery for Karen and her brother-in-law, Greg,** postponed in March is rescheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Worship Group and Rev. Karen Lumley are working on coverage for this time. Karen will be off 4 to 6 weeks. Remember her and her brother-in-law Greg in your prayers.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly eblast to know what is happening in the Church community!

<https://standrewsriverheights.com/news-4/newsletter/>



**OUR LAND** - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

## Celebration Sunday

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND:

**We acknowledge with gratitude and respect the Indigenous, Inuit and Metis peoples of this land.**

**We share the responsibilities and privileges for living, working, and worshipping on Treaty 1 land. We are all Treaty people.**

#### SONG: *A Place in the Choir*

♪ (Refrain) **All God's critters got a place in the choir.**

**Something low. Something higher.**

**Some sing out loud on the telephone wire.**

**And some just clap their hands or paws  
or anything they got now.**

**Listen to the bass.**

**It's the one on the bottom  
where the bullfrog croaks  
and the hippopotamus moans  
and groans with a big t' do,  
and the old cow just goes "Moo." R**

**The dogs and the cats**

**they take up the middle**

**while the honey bee hums**

**and the cricket fiddles.**

**The donkey brays and the pony neighs**

**and the old coyote howls. R**

**Listen to the top**

**where the little birds sing**

**on the melodies**

**with high notes ringing.**

**The hoot owl hollers over ev'rything**

**and the jaybird disagrees. R**

**It's a simple song**

**of living sung eve'rywhere**

**by the ox and the fox**

**and the grizzly bear**

**the grumpy alligator and the hawk above,**

**and the sly racoon and the turtle dove. R ♪**

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP:

**We praise you!**

#### PRAYER

#### HYMN: **MV92** *Like a Rock*

♪ **Like a rock, like a rock,**

**God is under our feet.**

**Like the starry sky**

**God is over our head.**

**Like the sun on the horizon**

**God is ever before.**

**Like the river runs to ocean,  
Our home is in God evermore. ♪**

READING: Matthew 11:28-30

INTERACTIVE REFLECTION: ACTIONS

**Come** - *Come hither motion*

**Me** - *Point up*

**Weary** – *Look tired*

**Burdened** - *Slump over*

**Learn** - *Look pensive*

**Gentle** - *Look kind*

**Humble** - *Kneel if able*

**Rest** - *Head on pillow*

**Easy** - *That was easy*

**Light** - *Sign of relief*

COMMUNITY PRAYER:

God of rest and God of healing, **hear us, as we pray to you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father and Mother who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN: **VU577** *I've Got Peace like a River*

♪ **I've got peace like a river,**

**I've got peace like a river,**

**I've got peace like a river in a my soul.**

**I've got river in a my soul.**

**I've got a joy like a fountain,**

**I've got a joy like a fountain**

**I've got a joy like a fountain in a my soul.**

**I've got fountain in a my soul.**

**I've got love like an ocean,**

**I've got love like an ocean,**

**I've got love like an ocean in a my soul.**

**I've got ocean in a my soul. ♪**

GIFTS

BLESSING

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you.

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## Announcements

**Are you a reader?** Join the St. Andrew's Book Club. Our meeting will be on Wednesday, September 24, at 1:30 pm in the church lounge. We will be sharing what we've read on our own over the summer. At the meeting, we'll pick up the book for the next meeting. Everyone is welcome.

**Bible Study will begin later in October**, when Rev. Karen Lumley returns from medical leave.

**Walks on Tuesdays** with Westworth continue every week at 1pm. If you would like to be informed about the routes of these walks and would like to have your email provided to the organizers, please let the church office know.

### Coming Up...

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

**Celebration Sunday**

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

**Worship meeting (board room) @ 10am**

**P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm**

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

*Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 4pm*

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

**Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm**

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

*Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 4pm*

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

*Rental—ReSound (sanctuary) @ 6pm*

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

*Rental—Jayden Fraser (sanctuary) @ 4pm*

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

*Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 4pm*

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

## **YOUR GIFTS MATTER.**

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, through E-transfer by contacting Bill Craddock, our Treasurer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

*Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm*

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**

*Rental—Charmaine Bacon (sanctuary) @ 4pm*

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

*Rental—Lola Ona-Adigun (lounge) @ 12pm*

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 6**

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

**Worship meeting (board room) @ 10am**

**P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm**

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

*Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

